

Chicago Policeman, Panther Associate Killed in Shootout

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CHICAGO, Nov. 13 UPI—

A policeman and a youth who reportedly was associated with the Black Panther party were killed today in a shootout between police and at least three gunmen on the South Side. Seven other policemen and one alleged assailant were wounded.

The gun battle broke out when a police squad car went to the area after a woman telephoned police and said a man with a shotgun was in a vacant building and "I believe they're after my husband."

"There were hundreds of shots fire," one policeman involved in the battle said.

One an Expert Marksman

"At least one of the guys had military training. They were that good. One of them was an expert marksman."

Police said at least three snipers were firing from the house and one gunman escaped.

The gun battle spread through streets near the building and Policeman Francis Rappaport was killed by a youth who jumped from beneath a porch about half a block from the building, police said.

The youth thought to have killed Rappaport, Spurgeon-J. Winters, 19, was fatally shot moments later by another policeman, police said.

Winters' sister, Helen said bitterly: "Now maybe those revolutionaries will let him alone."

She said the revolutionaries she referred to were members of the Black Panther party and she had opposed her brother's membership in the organization.

Lance S. Bell, alleged by police to have been one of the gunmen, was wounded and confined in protective custody at Cook County Hospital. He was known to have a background with the Black Panthers and had Panther literature in his pocket when arrested, Deputy Police Chief James D. Riordan said.

Panther Hangout Area

Police said both Winters

and Bell wore black berets and the area of the shootout was known as a Black Panther hangout.

Mayor Richard J. Daley, asked about racial implications of the shooting, said assigning black policemen to black neighborhoods and white policemen to white areas would be the opposite of goals set by the city to "integrate our population."

All the injured policemen are white. Winters and Bell are both Negroes.

Patrolman John Gilhooley,

21, was in serious condition with face and chest wounds. The two others most seriously hurt were Dan Kaufman, 22, and Donald Miley, who hospital spokesmen said was in danger of losing his right eye.

Two others less seriously hurt were policemen Ronald Comparin, 27, and Jack Stewart, 27, both under treatment in Billings Hospital. Treated and released were Michael Brady, 26, and Philip Prerost, 22.